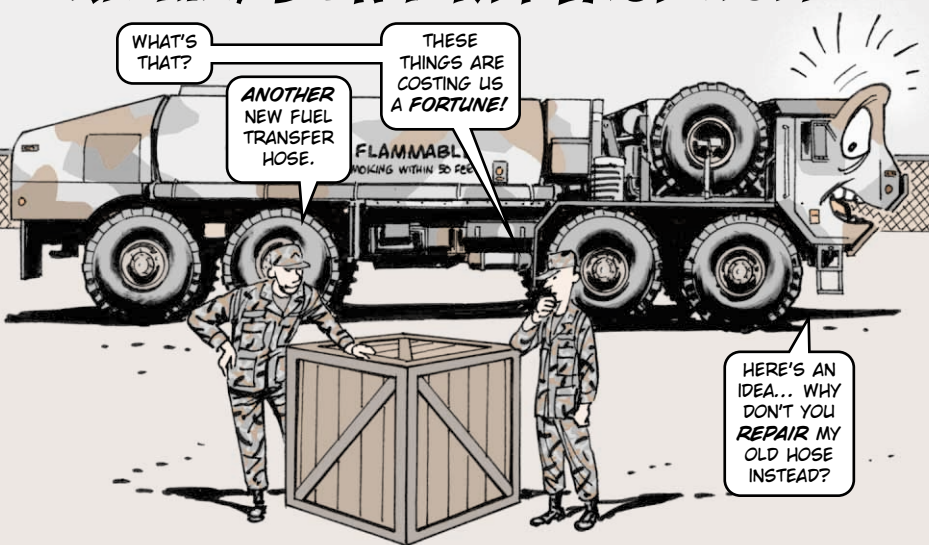


REPAIR, DON'T REPLACE HOSE



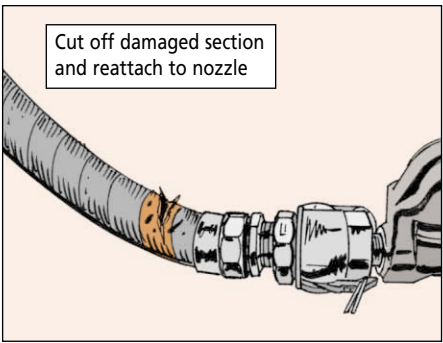
Dear Editor,

The fuel transfer hose on our M978 HEMTT always seems to wear out fastest where it connects to the fuel nozzle. That's where most of the bending and flexing takes place.

Most units I've seen replace the entire hose assembly when that happens. That costs more than \$340.

Instead of ordering a brand new hose, we remove the fitting, cut off the 3 or 4 inches of damaged hose and reattach it to the nozzle. Since the repaired hose is only a few inches shorter, we can do this several times without affecting the mission. The money we save can be better used for more critical maintenance items.

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Cut off damaged section
and reattach to nozzle

From the desk
of the *Editor*



You've given us some fuel for thought! Check out the fabrication instructions on Page F-16 of TM 9-2320-279-20-3 for reattaching the hose.